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inspection unless some change in the arrangement has occurred. The officer whose report we have has stated that the cooking places were clean and the floors dry."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" It might have gone damp again."

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" And it would dry again."

Jails.

The imprisonment of Mr. Neelakanta Brahmachari.

* 43 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the jail to which Mr. Neelakanta Brahmachari, referred to in the *Swarajya* dated 15th December 1924, page 3, was first sent after conviction ;

(b) the transfers made hitherto and the period of detention in each jail ;

(c) the reasons for transfers, if any ;

(d) the latest transfer effected and from what place to what place ;

(e) the jail in which the prisoner is confined at present ;

(f) the latest report the Government received about him from the jail authorities ;

(g) whether the Government will ascertain immediately and report about the present state of the prisoner's health, containing particulars of his weight on admission, present weight and periods of illness, if any, from the date of his conviction up to date ;

(h) the nature of work that has been given to the prisoner so far from the date of his conviction ;

(i) whether the prisoner was objected to by the jail authorities or any other officer of Government from corresponding with his relatives or friends, as the case may be, and if so, reasons thereof ;

(j) whether Government or any of its officer received any application from any friend or relative of the prisoner seeking permission to interview the prisoner ; and

(k) if the answer to (j) be in the affirmative, whether such permission was granted ; if not, why not ?

A.—(a) The Penitentiary, Madras.

(b) The Penitentiary, Madras.

The Central Jail, Rajahmundry.

Information as regards the periods of detention in these jails has been called for.

The Central Jail, Montgomery, from the 25th May 1923 to 20th August 1924.

The Central Jail, Multan, from 21st August 1924.

(c) He was detained in the Central Jail, Rajahmundry, pending removal to another province as it was considered undesirable to retain him in one of the jails of this Presidency.

(d) From the Central Jail, Montgomery, to the Central Jail, Multan.

(e) The Central Jail, Multan.

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(f) & (g) The prisoner who is a chronic dyspeptic patient did not keep good health while at Rajahmundry. Since his transfer to Multan he has improved considerably and has regained his normal weight (95 lb.).

(h) He was employed on opening yarn at first in the Central Jail, Multan, and is now employed on clerical work. Further details are not available.

(i), (j) & (k) Information has been called for.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ With reference to the answers given in (i), (j) and (k), will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the information on the table of the House as soon as it is received ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ Yes.”

Malabar Affairs.

Services rendered during the Mappilla rebellion in Malabar.

* 44 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the House a statement of the names of the officials and non-officials who rendered exceptionally valuable services during the Mappilla rebellion in Malabar and in settling the country thereafter and the rewards they have received by means of honorary titles, grants of land or pecuniary remuneration ?

A.—The Government have not compiled a list of those whose services they considered exceptionally valuable from the names of those who were engaged in dealing with the Malabar rebellion. Excepting two cases where a small reward was given to persons who volunteered to accompany the troops and act as guides the Government gave no grants of land or money to any such persons ; the grant of titles is not made by the Local Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Is it not unfair to neglect these officials who rendered valuable services during Mappilla rebellion ? Is it not desirable that a list of those names should be compiled ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ May I ask what purpose it will serve ? ”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ In order to give some recognition to those who rendered valuable services during the rebellion. They must be honoured in some way or other.”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ The conferment of honours rests with His Excellency and His Majesty the King and cannot be discussed in this House.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Both European and Indian officials have rendered valuable services during the rebellion and there must be some sort of recognition of their services either by grant of land or some such thing. There are only a very small number of officials who have rendered such services and is it not desirable that a list of their names should be compiled ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ There are a very large number of officers who rendered very meritorious services.”